



European Rural Networks' Steering Group

Agenda

4th Meeting, 4 March 2016

Centre Borschette,
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Room AB-1A

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Objectives of the meeting

The Rural Networks' Steering Group met three times in 2015, followed by the second meeting of the Rural Networks' Assembly in November 2015. A series of priorities have been confirmed for the European Networks and there is a common calendar of activities for 2016. This fourth meeting of the Steering Group is designed to achieve the following objectives:

- To strengthen the involvement of SG members in these activities and ensure that they are as useful as possible for the different rural stakeholders' groups they represent.
- To further fine-tune the priorities of the EU Rural Networks for 2016.
- To reinforce the synergy and complementarity between activities carried out by the EU Rural Networks.
- To make progress on the development of a simple and effective method for monitoring and assessing the results of EU Rural Networks' activities.

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Timing ⌚	Agenda item 📅
<i>Chair: Aldo Longo. DG AGRI</i>	
09.00 – 09.30	Registration
09.30 – 09.45	Introduction , DG AGRI. Reminder of the conclusions of the RN Assembly, overview of the activities of the networks and aims for the day.
09.45 – 10.30	Capacity-building activities to support the implementation of the RDPs Part 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RDP analysis, conference and workshops • Innovation and Operational Groups <p>Past and future events, stakeholder perceptions, discussion on how to improve usefulness and involvement, next steps.</p>
10.30 – 11.00	<i>Coffee break</i>
11.00 – 11.45	Capacity-building activities to support the implementation of the RDPs. Part 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthening the role of NRNs • Improving the effectiveness of CLLD <p>Past and future events, small group discussion.</p>
11:45 – 12:30	Capacity-building activities to support the evaluation of RDPs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Main activities for 2015/16 • Needs and future priorities for building evaluation capacities

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12.30 – 14.00	<i>Lunch break</i>
14.00 – 15.45	Strengthening involvement and building synergy between the thematic work of the rural networks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smart and competitive agriculture and rural areas • Promoting the transition to a green economy • Group discussions between members of both networks on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How to best feed in and out of each other’s work - What activities to ensure better take-up and use by different types of stakeholders in the SG
15.45-16.15	<i>Coffee break</i>
16.15-16.30	Report back
16.30 – 17.00	Assessing results <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress in jointly setting up a simple and effective monitoring and assessment framework
17.00 – 17.30	Coordination and outlook <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordination with other initiatives • Activities and up-coming events before the next meeting • Closing remarks